Lubes blending agreement between IOC and Raaj-Unocal Ltd.

2559. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 187 and 2370 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1994 and 21st December, 1994 respectively and state:

(a) what was the blending free for Lubes in Indian Oil Blending Ltd. Plant before signing the contract with M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd.

(b) what were the reasons for giving a higher blending fee of Rs. 1120/- per KL to a private party;

(c) what were the sales figures of the lubricant in Northern Region for the year 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94;

(d) what were the month-wise sales figure of the lubricant after the award of contract to M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd.; and

(e) how much production has to be decreased in the IOBL plants of IOC and the blending plant of Madras, after the award of the above contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The blending fee for Lubes in Indian Oil Blending Ltd. Plant before signing the contract with M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd. was Rs. 400/- per KL.

(b) The blending fee is fixed taking into account various factors like return on investment, depreciation and variable expenditure apart from cost comparison with other private blenders and investment cost etc. It is also subject to escalation/de-escalation clause.

(c) The sales figures of the lubricants in Northern Region for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 were 101 TMT, 83 TMT and 78 TMT respectively.

(d) The month-wise sales figures of lubricants in the Northern Region after the award of contract of M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd. and commissioning of their plant in July, 1994 are as under:—

Month	Qty. (In MT)
July, 94	6437
August, 94	5675
September, 94	6222
October, 94	8350
November, 94	6763
December, 94	7189
January, 95	6737
February, 95	7649

(e) There is no reduction in the production of IOBL plants and the IOC plant at Madras after the award of the above contract to M/s. Raaj Unocal Ltd.

Procurement of 3-D Seismic Equipment by Oil India Limited

2560. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 181, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the price was negotiated with both the International tenderers, i.e. M/s GECO Schlumberger, USA and M/s. CGG Pan India for processing of 3-D seismic data;

(b) what was the total value of bids by the above tenderers at the time of opening the tender;

(c) whether the above bid was in Indian currency or in US dollars; and

(d) what was the rate per shot for the contract awarded to M/s. CGG Pan India for processing 72.72 sq. Kms. of 3-D seismic data in the Hapjan Block under Oil India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The prices were

negotiated with the lowest bidder M/s. CGG Pan India only.

(b) The evaluated price as per the rates quoted by the two bidders at the time of opening of the bids and as per NIT criteria are given below:

(i) M/s CGG Pan India : FRF 20,46,107 = INR 1,13,14,971.47 (1 FRF = Rs. 5.53)

(ii) M/s GECO Prakla Schlumberger subsidiary of *Schlumberger* Group of Comapines) (1 US$ = Rs. 31.61) : US$ 3,12,751.47 (a = *INR 98,86,396.07

*with price preference of 15% admissible to Indian bidders, this amount becomes INR 1,13,69,348.59.

(c) The bid of M/s CGG Pan India was in French Franc and M/s GECO Prakla in US dollar.

(d) Rs. 1170 per shot.

Out-of-turn allotment of petrol pumps in Andhra Pradesh

2561. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of petrol pumps sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh on out-of-turn basis during the last three years;

(b) what is the criterion for such allotments; and

(c) what are the names of persons sanctioned petrol pumps on out-of-turn basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Retail outlet dealership are alloted on out-of-turn basis under discretionary powers of the Government in a few deserving cases on compassionate grounds. 12 retail outlet dealerships were allotted in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years on compassionate grounds.

Fire incidents in ONGC wells

2562. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of fire at ONGC's wells in Krishna Godavari basin had taken place earlier also;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of damage caused as a result of those incidents; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the organisation is not at all prepared to arrest such incidents, inspite of the fact that such incidents, do take place very often and if so, the reasons therefor and whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed in this regard; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. Sir.

Complaints of malpractices by petrol pumps PDS owners and LPG dealers

2563. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a large numbert of complaints about the malpractices of petrol pump owners, LPG dealers and PDS owners;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the last three years and the action taken thereon; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to eliminate such complaints?